

# Oaks Branches

Bound Together Spreading God's Love

Oaks Christian Church

February 1, 2007

## Stewardship Letter and a little Oaks News

As Patsy Gonzales reported in worship this past Sunday, members and friends of Oaks Christian Church have been making an impressive record of both giving and activity this past year.

Giving to the ministries and work of the congregation has been a blessing to the community and world. The **"new programs fund"** has created a substantial reserve upon which we can draw for innovative forms of ministry and service. Gifts to **special funds and projects** have been at record levels with school supplies and uniforms for children, our

youth **Mission Trip** to Florida, and helping with **Lucia's kitchen** after a fire.

Now we look forward to 2007, and much remains to be done.

We have no "flashy" folders and only two special mailings – this one and another to come with a Pledge Card to be returned October 15<sup>th</sup>. Look into your own heart; decide if moving toward tithing is something God wants of you. Step up your giving by a few dollars or by two or three per cent. The benefits are almost beyond description. Plan to **give until it feels REALLY GOOD!**

### A WORD ABOUT "THE PROCESS:"

In many ways, developing and following a budget for the church is very much like what we do with our personal fund management. The **STARTING** place is based on knowing just how much we have to work with in our planning. Additionally, in the life of Oaks Church we get from Ministry Teams and other groups estimates of their needs, compare those to expected income, and present a final budget to a congregational meeting (this year on the last Sunday of November). Thus it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have your indication of expected giving for the coming calendar year.

You should approach **prayerfully** your planning for giving to and through the Church. The historical standard for basic Christian giving is the "tithe," ten per cent. Other and special giving comes in addition to that. Some are already doing just that; for others, tithing is still a goal toward which to work. Whichever category is yours, thank you for continuing to support the work and ministries of this congregation so faithfully. If you want a plan for raising the level of your giving, figure out what percentage of income you currently give – then raise it by a few dollars or by a percentage point or two. It DOES get easier the more you consider it. Let your giving reflect your thankfulness for all that God does for you.

Come visit the KITCHEN CLASS any Sunday morning at 9:30. We meet in the (surprise!) Kirchner kitchen and are just beginning a great program entitled "Windows of Faith." Join in this week; it's "Christianity 101" at its best.

*CWF date changed:* instead of Tuesday morning, the first October meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be Monday **evening**, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, to do planning for the fall bazaar. 6:30 – Kirchner Hall – all women invited.

CWF is putting together another cookbook. We will be taking recipes through the fall and start compiling and preparing for printing in the spring. So help us out and give us your best. Turn your recipes in to the church office or put them in the CWF mailbox in Kirchner Hall. We all know that Oaks has the best cooks in town!!!!



Just a reminder that CWF has Kroger's "community share cards." If you would like to have a card please contact Barb Scantlin. The money received from Kroger is used for special projects around the church.

**THANK YOU!!!** to everyone who participated in donating to Vacation Bible School crafts, whether with supplies, money, or time. This is always a big hit among the children and youth; and because art was my area of study in school, it means a great deal to me that you feel crafts and art important in VBS. Next year come to visit the art/crafts classes to see the excitement in our children's faces and be touched by the positive ways in which they create! Thanks, again.

*Katie Spencer*

Some will say, "*Well, I didn't know that;*" but it is **TRUE** – there are actually some points of courtesy and etiquette (not the "stuffy kind") that apply to worship. One is discussed below on the matter of applause; the other has to do with letting your friends and Church family approach worship with a sense of quiet peace and reflection. We sometimes get so involved in visiting and talking that we are unaware of those who are waiting prayerfully for worship to begin. Please be considerate of others, and perhaps take a few moments to offer your own prayers for our worship and congregation.

### TO CLAP OR NOT TO CLAP ....

It is important that we express our appreciation to those who help lead us in worship, and church people often are not sure just how to do that. Sometimes we "blur" that fine line between worship and concert performance behavior. In the latter, we honor the performer(s); in worship, however, the primary motive of a choir, soloist, or other leader is to give glory to God. As such, applause is not really an appropriate response to a sincere musical or other offering. At Oaks, our regular and visiting musicians and others who lead us in worship prepare themselves in a sacrificial offering to God. Whisper a word of thanks to God for these who work so diligently, and then feel free to speak to them after worship.

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**Most sincere sympathy to Joan and Robert Roberts  
at the death of his sister, Mary Edwards.**



### OUR MEMBERS

Mark Conover  
Ruth Conover  
Aileen Crafton

Lida Crump  
Jeanne Fitzgerald  
Maydell Howard

Gene Pratt  
Joanne Rose  
Charles and Gloria Slocum

Kyle Spencer  
Larry Scruggs  
Betty Sullivan

**AT HOME** – Aileen Crafton, Genevieve Harvey, Elizabeth Hamilton, Sue Harrison, Betty Kasper, Richard Lineberger, Louise Pitts

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS** – Catherine Jones, Dorothy Plumbley, Lenetta Schaper, Frankie Schreiber, Billie Volotko

*OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

Jamie Angelone (Nita Aber)  
Florian Baronowski (Elizabeth Wharton)  
Lorraine Beard (Jon Mizula)  
Ray Bitner (Jimmye Saldivar)  
Kiley Brannon (Betty Kasper's granddaughter)  
Linda Brannon (Betty Kasper's daughter)  
Craig Bryant (Elizabeth Wharton's son-in-law)  
Dorothy Burge (Anne Hudson)  
Tom Cody (Debra Cody Holland)  
Ruth Cortez (Jimmye Saldivar)  
Dennis Cox (Murrays)  
Grace Culpepper (Linda Dalmasso)  
Jana Crump (Verna Lamb)  
Greg Darnell (Joyce McQueen)  
Ginia Duffy (Slocums)  
Troy Franke (Agnes Pratt's brother)  
John Gorman (Jimmye Saldivar)  
Trellis Green (Rudy's brother)  
Marissa Hammond (Ruth Conover)  
David Hanlon (Jimmye Saldivar)  
Cece Hofland (Joanne Rose's sister)  
Wesley Hudson (Anne's grandson)

Jordan Family (Jon Mizula)  
Carol Lamb (Chris' mother)  
Tonya Matthis (Verna Lamb)  
Martha Moss (Betty Sullivan)  
Robert Murray (Don's brother)  
New Life, Belarus (Evalyn Ratcliff)  
Aileen North (MANNA Board President)  
Elton Payne (Emily Whitley)  
Rita Poling (Bethany's mother)  
Joe, Dani and Nathan Ramirez (Verna Lamb)  
Jonelle Ramsey (Katie Spencer)  
Dewitt and Pat Reed (Betty Sullivan)  
Craig Robinson (Nita Aber's nephew)  
Kenneth Sidenblad  
Bill Staley (Joshua's grandfather)  
Oliver Stork (Bettie Bell)  
Stanley Stark (Barbara Green's grandson)  
Tony Taylor (Durene Stewart's nephew)  
Morgan Trapp (Patricia Staley)  
Jack and Margie Turner (Anne Hudson)  
Derick Wyatt (Anderaus)  
John D. Yates (Bethany Poling)

*OUR MILITARY FAMILY*

Curtis and Kenneth Anderau - U.S. Army (Anderaus)  
Jeremy Benefiel – (Barbara Green)  
Kyle Cox – USAF (Murrays' grandson)  
Rick Gonzales (Angelique's dad)  
Kristina and Michael Graham – USAF (Lunas)  
Karl Herbst – U.S. Army (Dorene Drake)  
Ruben Lartique – U. S. Marines (Joanne Staley)  
Adam Luna – U.S. Army (Lunas)

Jason Mendez – U.S. Army (Raynette Stanley)  
Matthew Morrish – U.S. Marines  
Mikey Morrish – U.S. Army  
Paul St. Lawrence – U.S. Army (Jon Mizula)  
Stacey Sirmons - U.S. Army (B. Bell's granddaughter)  
Ethan Slocum – U.S. Marines (Slocums)  
Bennie Stockman – U.S.C.G. (Anderaus)  
Joe Wildman – USAF (Maria Hargrave)





# OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*February 01 - 28, 2007*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Our Lenten Bible study is for all who do not have a regular Sunday School home or who would like to spend several Sunday mornings looking at .....</p>				<p><b>1</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder" <b>6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous James &amp; Irene Anderau</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder"</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 AM GRAY SHEET Seekers' classroom</p>
<p><b>4</b> YOUTH GROUPS @ 4:45 pm Jeanne Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 8:00 PM "Hugs NOT Drugs" Bill &amp; Barb Scantlin</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10:00 AM CWF Service - Gator Project Jennifer Briones</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM "PRAISE RINGERS" 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Talk Madge Spencer</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder" <b>6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder"</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 AM GRAY SHEET Seekers' classroom Gloria Slocum</p>
<p><b>11</b> YOUTH GROUPS @ 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 8:00 PM "Hugs NOT Drugs"</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:00 AM CWF Love Meals w/Valentine gift bags</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM "PRAISE RINGERS" 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Talk Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder" <b>6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder"</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 AM GRAY SHEET Seekers' classroom</p>
<p><b>18</b> YOUTH GROUPS @ 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 8:00 PM "Hugs NOT Drugs" Louis Luna - Delores Morgan President's Day</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:00 AM CWF Trip to Funeral Museum (time may change) Newsletter deadline</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30 PM Ask Wednesday Evening Worship 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Talk</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder" <b>6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous George Hajovsky - Pat Whitley</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:30 PM "Shoulder to Shoulder"</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 AM GRAY SHEET Seekers' classroom Charles &amp; Gloria Slocum</p>
<p><b>25</b> 9:30 AM Lenten Bible Study Kirchner Hall YOUTH GROUPS @ 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:45 PM INVESTMENT CLUB 8:00 PM "Hugs NOT Drugs" Joshua Staley</p>	<p><b>27</b> 11:00 AM CWF Meet for lunch - Visitation @ 1:00 6:00 PM GENERAL MEETING Covered dish dinner</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM "PRAISE RINGERS" 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Talk Emily Simons - Christen Scantlin (29th)</p>			

*Sunday School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*